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For: Method for Processing a Preform for Optical Fiber, Burner System Useful for Carrying Out the Method and Apparatus Comprising the Burner System

ELECTION

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of July 21, 2006, Applicant elects the Group I invention, method claims 1-7. Applicant also reserves the right to file a divisional application on non-elected claims 8-17.

An early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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